

RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL'S TOWN AND PARISH UPDATE

Wednesday September 2, 2020

**Please remember for all the latest on our services
please visit www.rushcliffe.gov.uk**

Please email media@rushcliffe.gov.uk with any enquiries.

Swimming pools now open



The Parkwood operated leisure centre at Keyworth and pools at Rushcliffe Arena, Bingham and Cotgrave are now open following on from East Leake leisure centre's pool resuming opening hours in July.

In order to keep everyone safe, lane swimmers are asked to book their session in advance online or via the app.

Those going for a swim need to arrive changed and ready to go and need to make sure they shower before entering the pool.

Parkwood are also asking swimmers to ensure they have read the updated swim etiquette advice before entering the pool and take note of the directional signage for lane swimming.

More information is available [here](#).

No current consultation to end our role in local government



We have dismissed media reports we are set to consult our residents on ending our role providing high quality services in light of possible local government reorganisation.

Our Cabinet is reassuring all residents and stakeholders in the Borough [a report to Cabinet](#), set to be discussed at a meeting on September 8, will explore our role in helping to shape our future, not conclude the Council in the current format.

Leader of the Council Councillor Simon Robinson said: "Reports the Council is to

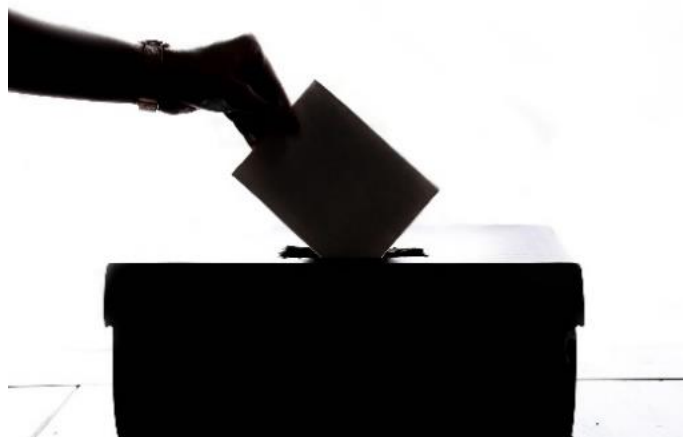
consult with residents to end Rushcliffe's current role in local government are wide of the mark.

"On the contrary we want to be at the forefront of debating and working with fellow authorities on the shape it may take in Rushcliffe for the continued benefit of our residents.

"It's important as a proactive high performing district council, we positively play any part in the format of the future and the Council is committed to keeping residents informed.

"Therefore the report to Cabinet will consider how in the months ahead we may look to positively engage in the wider process and work collectively to identify and consult with partner councils on the best options going forward."

Residents reminded to return electoral canvass forms



We're reminding residents not to lose their voice in local elections by completing their annual canvass form if a reminder letter arrives through the post.

With County Council and Police and Crime Commissioner elections set to take place in the Borough next year, it's a vital opportunity for residents to make sure they can take part by ensuring their details on the electoral register are correct.

If a reminder form arrives at an address, residents must respond by confirming details online at www.householdresponse.com/rushcliffe.

Alternatively, they can complete the paper form and return it in the post using the pre-paid envelope provided.

The form ensures we can keep the register up to date and identify any residents who could be missing out on the chance to vote. Those wishing to register to vote need to visit www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

Our Electoral Registration Officer Kath Marriott said: "It's very important that residents respond if they receive a reminder letter, as soon as possible, so we can make sure we have the right details on the electoral register for every address in Rushcliffe.

"To ensure you can have your say at elections taking place next year, simply check the form when it arrives and respond either to state if details remain the same or need updating and make the necessary changes.

"If you're not currently registered to vote, your name will not appear on the form. If you want to register, the easiest way is online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote, or we'll send you information explaining how to do this in the post.

"We're aware this year's canvass, which we have to carry out by law, is taking place during a challenging public health situation with COVID-19. We are working to ensure that we take account of public health guidelines, including the continued importance of social distancing.

"Canvassers from our team will be securely visiting addresses where residents haven't responded from late September so please ensure you play your part and complete the form so we can conduct this exercise as safely as possible."

Any residents who have any questions can contact our Elections team by emailing elections@rushcliffe.gov.uk or calling 0115 981 9911.

Shop front funding freshens look of Copper in West Bridgford



Copper café in West Bridgford has welcomed a new look to its premises thanks to our Shop Front Improvement Grant.

The Great Northern Group outlet on Central Avenue in the town has freshened its appearance with a new fascia incorporating its classic brand after successfully securing the funding that assists renovation, re-design and general improvements.

Over 20 businesses across the Borough have now benefited from the scheme, making essential improvements which assist businesses to match

contributions up to the value of £5,000.

Copper Manager Anthony Wilson said: "We're really pleased with the new look and feel of the bar as you walk in and thank Rushcliffe Borough Council for their assistance.

"We've built up a great reputation on the avenue over many years but it's always great to get extra support like this so we can make improvements when we feel it's right.

"Over the next few weeks we are launching our new app, the GNG Club, in conjunction with the other venues within our group.

"You will be able to sit outside the cafe, watching the world go by and if you'd like another aperol spritz or cappuccino you can order it directly from your phone to arrive at your table."

Our Portfolio Holder for Business and Transformation Cllr Andy Edyvean met Anthony to view the improvements.

He said: "It is great to see another Rushcliffe business benefit from this brilliant scheme and at a time when we are continuing to encourage everyone to shop locally and shop safe and that includes visiting our wonderful bars and restaurants across the Borough.

"Copper and Great Northern Group are among those rising to the challenges this incredibly difficult business climate is presenting and we're pleased to assist them with this work that will only encourage even more customers through their doors."

Police warning after spate of HMRC scam phone calls



Please make your communities aware of a warning issued by Nottinghamshire Police following reports of an Inland Revenue scam which is asking the vulnerable for money or face arrest.

The force has received a number of reports this week of people receiving calls informing them there is a warrant out for their arrest and, unless they make an immediate payment to HMRC, they will be arrested.

According to members of the force, the fraudsters have been cold calling residents across Nottinghamshire and targeting the most vulnerable in the community.

Officers are requesting that people inform the older generation and any vulnerable friends and family about this scam.

In particular, people are asked to remind others that they'll never receive an email, text message, message in an application such as WhatsApp, or a phone call from HM Revenue and Customs requesting personal or payment information.

You can find more information here: <https://www.gov.uk/report-suspicious-emails-websites-phishing/report-hmrc-phishing-emails-texts-and-phone-call-scams>.

Free bike security marking sessions begin this weekend



Our popular security bike marking sessions will be hitting the road this month to create mobile opportunities for residents to have their bikes security marked across the Borough.

Cyclists can now register with BikeRegister and get their bikes security marked for free at Ruddington Village Market on September 5 and Bingham Farmers' Market on September 19, both from 9am to midday.

We have again teamed up with Nottinghamshire Police to host a stall at the events which will also provide advice on crime prevention for burglary and vehicle crime.

BikeRegister is the UK's national cycle database and the preferred bike marking system of Nottinghamshire Police.

Bike marking is a permanent visible deterrent from bike theft and registering a bike makes it traceable and therefore more difficult to sell on. The true owners' identity is marked and can help cyclists be reunited with their bike if retrieved.

Our Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhoods Cllr Rob Inglis said: "It's pleasing to continue our work with Nottinghamshire Police to deliver these important sessions that can make such a big difference in preventing bike, house and vehicle crime in our communities.

"Thank you to co-ordinators at Ruddington Centre Village Partnership for welcoming us aboard to the market and we invite cyclists and residents alike to visit the stall and find out more."

Try a healthier, fresher and more nutritious takeaway in Rushcliffe



Our Environmental Health team are reminding residents of the wide range of healthy options available at local Healthier Options Takeaways (HOT) across the Borough.

Outlets that have achieved a HOT merit offer a variety of food items, which are clearly displayed on their menus to enable customers to make informed choices that will help support a healthy lifestyle.

Our Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Environment and Safety Cllr Rob Inglis said: "The HOT scheme provides a fantastic opportunity for businesses to celebrate all the healthy food options available across their menus.

"Residents can access a wide range of fantastic fresh food in Rushcliffe, so it's great to be able to access a list of outlets offering healthier choices easily and online.

"If you're not sure where your local Healthier Options Takeaway is located, simply head to our website and check out what's available in your area, you might just be surprised by the range of options!"

The reminder comes as the Government launched its new obesity strategy last month to get the nation fit and healthy, protect themselves against COVID-19 and help protect the NHS.

Residents can quickly find a list of participating establishments in their area [on our webpage](#) or by looking out for the heart-shaped 'HOT sticker' displayed in qualifying venues.

Takeaways that have achieved the merit pledge to offer healthier options to their customers, such as introducing new menu items, improved cooking methods or campaigns that promote nutritious items to customers as they order.

Find a range of further outlets [on the County Council website](#).

Businesses can also find out more about the scheme and how they can get involved by emailing Environmentalhealth@rushcliffe.gov.uk or calling 0115 981 9911.

New booking system at West Bridgford HWRC



A reminder that a new trial online booking system for the Household Waste and Recycling Centre (HWRC) in West Bridgford began yesterday, Tuesday September 1.

The centre on Rugby Road operated by Nottinghamshire County Council will only be accepting pre booked vehicles, with 15-minute time slots available between 8.15am and 7.45pm every day during the summer opening hours. Up to five vehicles will be allowed on site at any one time.


Residents must already be registered to use Nottinghamshire County Council's recycling

centres before booking their timeslot easily through the authority's website: [book to recycle](#)

Sessions can be booked up to two weeks in advance but must be reserved at least 24 hours before visiting the site as no same day slots will be available and visitors to the site will not be permitted entry without an electronic or paper copy of their emailed booking receipt.

For more information or to book a recycling visit over the phone, please contact Nottinghamshire County Council's customer service centre on 0300 500 8080 between 8am and 6pm Monday to Friday.

Don't forget, you can now get our news direct to your inbox!



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Free online workshops for high street businesses

European Union
European Regional Development Fund

HM Government

BUSINESS SUPPORT PROGRAMMES

Businesses can now book their free place on a range of online workshops as part of our Business Support Programme, designed to provide training, guidance and advice to help them reopen or continue to trade securely and successfully following COVID-19.

The sessions get started from September 1, with a wide range of topics for business owners to choose from, including training on using Instagram for business use, advice on delivering an excellent customer experience during and after the pandemic and discussion of the 10 steps to retail success.

To view the full range of support available, please visit [the Business Resources page](#) on our website, where free spaces on any of the sessions can be booked via Eventbrite.

Don't forget that you can now sign up for our free email subscription service, providing news and updates on our services direct to your inbox.

To sign up now and receive the updates please subscribe here: <https://bit.ly/RushcliffeSignUp>

Whilst our website and social media pages are still a great place to find all our latest news and updates, these email bulletins are a new no hassle channel that initially will provide a weekly digest on our great services.

Many local authorities use this as another way to connect with residents who are not on social media or may not be in the habit of visiting our website, so we're taking these further steps to give residents what they want, in the format they

wish to receive it as our digital audiences continue to grow.

We'll be looking to introduce more topics as we continue to adapt to a post COVID-19 world.

Have your say on new Strategic Plan for the Greater Nottingham Area



A reminder that residents, organisations and businesses in the Borough have until September 14 to have their say on the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan to help shape future planning for the area.

We have joined Broxtowe and Gedling Borough Councils and Nottingham City Council in developing the joint plan which will help guide future development across their combined areas and all can now have their say by visiting <https://www.gnplan.org.uk>

The consultation document does not include any draft policies or identify how much or where future development will take place. These will come later when a draft Strategic Plan is published next year, when there will be a further opportunity to comment.

Flu vaccines for 50 to 64-year-olds

A reminder that people in the 50 to 64-year-old age group will not be vaccinated from flu until November and December, providing there is sufficient vaccine, and no appointments will be offered for this age group until then, following confirmation from NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire CCG.

This is to ensure that those who are most at risk are vaccinated first.

If you are 50 to 64 and you are in one of the other groups which is eligible for the flu vaccination, for example you have a health condition which puts you at risk from flu, you will be invited earlier.

Dr Stephen Shortt, Joint Clinical Leader at the NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire CCG, said: "With the additional pressure of COVID-19 this year, we understand that many patients are keen to book in for their flu vaccines.

"Our priority first and foremost is to ensure that those who are the highest risk from flu are vaccinated first. We can then look to vaccinate further patients later in the year, providing there is sufficient vaccine available.

"We do anticipate that this year due to the COVID-19 outbreak, there will be more vaccinations made available than usual and will update patients as soon as we have further information. We will operate in line with national guidance when providing updates."

Six arrested as part of our joint operation to stop illegal rave



Sittingbourne in Kent.

A joint operation with Notts Police has seen six people arrested as part of investigations to stop an illegal rave planned in Costock.

Five men aged 33, 41, 55, 59 and 62 and one woman aged 51 were arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to cause the public nuisance following a series of warrants. More can be viewed on the Nottinghamshire Police video [here](#).

Officers attended five properties in Radford, Bulwell, Lenton, West Bromwich and

We and the force gathered intelligence on social media following a promotion of an illegal rave due to take place at a farm in the village and was due to start on Friday 28 August for two nights.

Public Order Public Safety Commander Neil Williams is leading the investigation. He said: "Officers conducted a series of warrants this morning in Nottingham, Kent and the West Midlands following intelligence being passed onto the force.

"We have acted upon that information by arresting five people and seizing a number of mobile phones and laptops as part of our enquiries.

"The force has worked closely with Rushcliffe Borough Council ahead of the planned bank holiday weekend event.

"It is our understanding that the unauthorised music event would have hosted hundreds of people, DJs and food stalls.

"We are working closely with the local authority to ensure the event doesn't go ahead.

"We believe early intervention is best regarding these illegal events and it's important to quell their planning.

"We will continue to use these disruptive tactics to ensure that these types of events are cancelled to protect the communities during a period of a global pandemic."

Our Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhoods Cllr Rob Inglis said: "We're pleased to be working in partnership with Nottinghamshire Police to halt this illegal gathering and fully support the arrests that have taken place.

"It's more important than ever that our communities in Rushcliffe are protected from any events that threaten measures to combat the pandemic or cause localised anti-social or illegal activity."

Car sharers reminded to take precautions to stop spread of COVID-19



Our Public Health partners are urging people in the City and County to take action to stop the spread of Covid-19, specifically when car sharing.

As well as continuing to wash hands, keeping socially distant and getting a free test for symptoms, people who have to share a car to get to work should be careful to use face coverings and to clean car surfaces at the end of the journey.

Those travelling by car should only do so with people from their household or within their support bubble, or if this is a work requirement. Outside of this, avoiding sharing cars with other people, but if people must then make sure to:

- Share the transport with the same people each time
- Keep to small groups of people at any one time
- Open windows for ventilation
- Clean your car between journeys using standard cleaning products; make sure you clean door handles and other areas that people may touch
- Ask the driver and passengers to wear a face covering.

Emergency fund to help Nottinghamshire groups support residents



A reminder that the emergency fund to help Nottinghamshire groups support residents who are struggling to afford essentials due to COVID-19 is now available through Nottinghamshire County Council.

The Emergency Assistance Fund offers a share of £858,000 of emergency funding to groups and organisations already helping communities during the crisis.

To apply and find out more, please direct applicants to: [Assistance Fund](https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/assistancefund)